THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (MUFTI MOHD. SAYEED): (a) With a view to exercising better supervision and control by the respective State Governments/Corporations and integration with the tourism infrastructure in the respective State, ITDC with the approval of Government has so far transferred 10 Travellers' Lodges and 3 Restaurants to the State Corporations.

(b) The broad terms of transfer of ITDC properties are—

(1) Payment to ITDC on the basis of book value; and

(2) Absorption of employees working in such properties by the State Corporations on terms and conditions offered by them.

(c) and (d) So far as ITDC is concerned, no complaint from the employees of its earlier Travellers' Lodges/Restaurants has been received, except, in the case of Kaziranga Forest Lodge which has been transferred to the Government of Assam. A representation from the employees was received in the middle of March, 1987 regarding protection of pay scales, disbursement of contributory provident fund, medical leave encashment and payment of gratuity. Suitable action has been taken by the ITDC on the various issues raised in the representation as per the agreement.

Study Team for Agricultural Workers

1051. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a study team to study the living conditions of agricultural workers in the country has been set up by his Ministry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and by when the team is likely to submit its report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has constituted, *inter-alia*, a sub-Committee of the Parliamentary Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Labour for studying and reporting on the problems of unorganised workers in Agricultural Sector. The Sub-Committee consists of eleven Members of Parliament. The Sub-Committee has so far undertaken field visits to Bihar and Madhya Pradesh. The present term of the Sub-Committee is up to 15th June, 1987, by which time it is expected to submit its report.

ILO Report on Unemployment

1052. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Labour Organisation has recently pointed out that the burnt of the unemployment problem continues to weigh heavily on the youth of the developing countries;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether the main cause of youth unemployment is due to lack of work opportunities; and

(d) if so, what steps are contemplated by Government to provide better employment opportunities to the youths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The Indian Labour Conference has recently adopted a Resolution concerning problems faced by young people, particularly, in the area of unemployment.

(b) to (d) In so far as India is concerned, information on magnitude

of unemployment and policies and programmes on employment generation is given in Chapter 3 of Volume-I and Chapter 5 of Volume-II of the Seventh Five Year Plan Document. Of the various employment generation programmes the TRYSEM and the Scheme for providing self-employment to Educated Unemployed Youth are specifically for youth. Para 10.79 of Volume-II of the Plan Document provides information on various programmes for the youth.

Sale of Excess Land by Sick Textile Mills

1053. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate a new fool proof system for the sale of excess land by sick textile mills;

(b) whether the Central Government have taken up the matter with the State Governments;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of the State Governments thereto; and

(d) what further steps Government have taken to revive the sick mills with the land sale funds?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Matters relating to sale of land by the managements of sick textile mills are decided by the State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations concerned where the mills are situated.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

Powers of Tea Board

1054. SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI NIRMAL CHATTERJEE:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tea Board has necessary powers to issue clearance certificates for export of tea even at a loss of foreign exchange to the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether any such clearance was given by the Board in the recent past; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Tea Board does not issue clearnce certificates for tea exports.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Migrant Labour

1055. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of labourers migrate from Raipur and Bilaspur divisions and also from Dhar, Jhabua and Khargone districts of Madhya Pradesh in search of employment every year after the monsoon months;

(b) whether Government are also aware that a vast majority of them are exploited and under-paid by their employers and in some cases are even kept as bonded labourers;

(c) whether any estimate of the number of these migrating labourers has been made;